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Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division

*New additions noted with an asterisk

RA:

11/21/16 Cynthia Giles – Visit Region 7, Regional Office, Contact: Lisa Haugen

12/01/16 2/16 - Four State Directors Meeting, Location: Regional Office, contact: Dick Sumpter

12/14/16 – 16/16 - Location: Washington, DC, Contact: Julia Cacho

DRA:

11/21/16 Cynthia Giles – Visit Region 7, Regional Office, Contact: Lisa Haugen

11/29/16 – HUD/EPA Coordination Meeting. Regional Office. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

11/17/16 – Attend Sedgwick County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting, Wichita, Kan.
Contact: Fatima Ndiaye, 7383

CNSL

None

ECO

None

ENST

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

11/18/16 – Career Day at T.A. Edison Elementary School. EPA OSCs will discuss the OSC/EPA careers with students. Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Doug Ferguson, 7221.

11/28/16 – 11/29/2016 – Advanced Level A/B exercises. EPA/state OSCs and possible other response partners. Training and Logistics Center, KCMO. Contact: John Frey, 7994.

WWPD

11/17/16 – NioCorp Project Meeting and Bundy Mitigation Bank Site Visit, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945

11/29-12/1/16 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Jeff Robichaud, 7146

12/5-7/16 – Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, New Orleans, La. Contact: Mike Tate, 7773

12/6-8/16 – EPA Office of Water Urban Waters Focus Group, Washington, DC. Contact: Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – 10/26/16 – Email: Constituent complaint about the city of Morley's wastewater treatment system. Due: 10/31/16. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) – 10/25/16 – Letter: Constituent complaint about EPA regulations of ammonia storage tanks. Due: 11/9/16. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Bryce Gray – 11/4/16 – Questions about the West Lake Landfill. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

KRVN Radio, Lexington, Neb. – Chad Moyer – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

WNAX Radio (distribute to tv outlets), Yankton, S.D. – Michelle Rook – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

Brownfield Ag Network, Jefferson City, Mo. (350 Radio Affiliates) – Julie Harker – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

WTAD Radio, Quincy, Ill. – Jim Dewey – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

Iowa Agribusiness Network Radio, Des Moines, Iowa – Ben Nuelle – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

USDA NASS, Washington D.C. – Suzanne King – 11/10/16: Interviewed Karen Flournoy about Region 7's use of NASS data and reports. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

WHO-TV Channel 13, Des Moines, Iowa – David Geiger – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

Wisconsin Farm Report Radio, Madison, Wis. – Bryant Gill – 11/10/16: Interviewed Mark Hague about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

KRFM Radio, Clay Center, Kan. – Kyle Bauer – 11/10/16: Interviewed Mark Hague about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

Farm Broadcaster, Des Moines, Iowa – Ken Root – 11/10/16: Interviewed Mark Hague about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

WKDZ Radio, Cadiz, Ky. – Alan Watts – 11/10/16: Interviewed Ron Carleton about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

WHO Radio, Des Moines, Iowa – Bob Quinn – 11/10/16: Interviewed Kris Lancaster about a variety of agricultural topics at the NAFB Trade Talk. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 or Ashley Murdie, 7785 (closed)

Columbia Missourian – Sierra Juvonen – 11/11/16: Questions about EPA's settlement with the City of Columbia, Mo., for Clean Water Act violations at the Columbia Landfill. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KCPT Channel 19 Public Television – Michael Price – 11/10/16: Questions about EPA's consent decree with the City of Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/search/field_press_office/region-07

Environmental Justice Small Grants Now Available, 11/9/16, Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

Fact Sheets:

None

Environmental Stories:

REGIONAL:

Couple near Bridgeton Landfill sues after allegedly finding high radioactivity in household dust - stltoday.com – 11/16/16 - Michael and Robbin Dailey say their neighbors just received more than the asking price on their house, and although they would desperately like to move from their Bridgeton home, they don't expect a similar return. <http://bit.ly/2fgF6cA>

Lawsuit: Radioactive waste from West Lake Landfill detected in nearby home - kmov.com – 11/15/16 - A new lawsuit claims radioactive waste from West Lake Landfill has been detected at a home in the nearby Spanish Village subdivision. Michael and Robbin Dailey, who live a 1/4 mile away, filed the lawsuit Tuesday. <http://bit.ly/2fx1DVj>

Lawsuit Claims Radioactive Dust Found in Kitchen Linked to West Lake Landfill stlouis.cbslocal.com - A Bridgeton couple files a lawsuit today claiming tests show radiation found in their home and in their garden is linked to the West Lake landfill. <http://cbsloc.al/2fXs4Ef>

Bridgeton residents allege radioactive waste found in home came from West Lake Landfill - news.stlpublicradio.org – 11/15/16 - Residents in Bridgeton have filed a lawsuit Tuesday afternoon in the St. Louis County Circuit Court, alleging that radioactive waste was found at a home near the

West Lake Landfill. <http://bit.ly/2fVWXFI>

The lead standard in Columbia Public Schools is 15 times higher than the Academy of Pediatrics recommends - columbiamissourian.com – 11/16/16 - The standard used by Columbia Public Schools to decide when to take action against tap water contaminated with lead is far higher than the threshold recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <http://bit.ly/2fgHoYT>

Test confirms traveler infected with Zika virus - buffaloreflex.com – 11/16/16 - The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services confirmed a case of Zika virus found in man who traveled to Jamaica. This case brings the total number of travel-related cases found in Missouri to 33. <http://bit.ly/2fVkhUZ>

EPA plans for smooth transition - kcrq.com – 11/16/16 - In two months, a new Environmental Protection Agency Administrator will be appointed and President-Elect Donald Trump says that person will be farmer friendly. <http://bit.ly/2fW1iZl>

Lead is an issue in Southeast Missouri – semissourian.com - 11/13/16 - Lead can have significant effects on a child's health and development and can be frightening to parents and others who strive every day to provide for the safety of the most vulnerable among us. Children under six years of age are most at risk because their developing nervous systems are especially vulnerable to lead's effects. <http://bit.ly/2fVXaID>

NATIONAL:

Environmental groups fret over Trump aims – maryvilledailyforum.com - 11/16/16 - As advocates of specific national issues try to sort out where they stand with the pending Trump administration, environmental interests hope the advances of recent years won't get reversed. <http://bit.ly/2ghqGEq>

Obama calls for 'renewed commitment' to recycling – letsrecycle.com - 11/16/16 - Issuing a proclamation on 'America Recycles Day' – the country's recycling awareness day yesterday (15 November), the President said it was time for the country to "renew its commitment" to reduce waste and conserve resources. <http://bit.ly/2f4rZ0r>

EPA Loosens Grip on Texas' Coal Power Regulations - twcnews.com – 1/16/16 - After a long legal battle, Texas is being removed from the Environmental Protection Agency's list of states that need to comply with regulations on [cross-state air pollution](#) -- this after the EPA targeted the state's coal power plants. <http://bit.ly/2fwWoFb>

EPA Plans for Smooth Transition - whotv.com – 11/16/16 - In two months, a new Environmental Protection Agency Administrator will be appointed and President-Elect Donald Trump says that person will be farmer friendly. <http://bit.ly/2f4nKlj>

US EPA celebrates Recycles Day and the 750,000 jobs supported by recycling - recyclingportal.eu – 11/16/16 - *In honor of America Recycles Day, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing significant findings on the economic benefits of the recycling industry with an update to the national [Recycling Economic Information \(REI\) Study](#). This study analyzes the numbers of jobs, wages and tax revenues attributed to recycling.* <http://bit.ly/2fx49uP>

EPA sets stricter water quality standards for state - heraldnet.com – 11/16/16 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday approved new water quality standards for Washington that combine portions of a state proposal with stricter standards crafted by the federal agency. <http://bit.ly/2qhc8hz>

For more liveable cities, let's talk sustainability - eco-business.com – 11/16/16 - As part of a global effort to create more liveable cities, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) should be part of the curriculum in every primary and secondary school in the world, said AkzoNobel chief executive Ton Büchner at the Cities:Possibilities forum last week. <http://bit.ly/2fXqYbz>

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